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AT MARCH 13 PRESS CONFERENCE, FRG SPOKESMAN VON WECHMAR
ANSWERED REPORTERS' QUESTIONS ABOUT CONTROVERSY BETWEEN
U.S. AND EUROPE BY REFERRING TO VEST STATEMENT OF MARCH
12 AND SAYING THAT THIS REPRESENTED AN ATTEMPT BY THE
U.S. TO "POUR OIL ON WHATEVER WAVES MAY HAVE ARISEN".
VON WECHMAR ADDED THAT "WE SHOULD NOT WITHDRAW INTO AN
IVORY TOWER AND TRY TO PERSUADE OURSELVES THAT EUROPEAN
SECURITY IS POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE U.S." BOTH SIDES, HE
SAID, WERE INTERESTED IN IMPROVING CONSULTATIONS, BUT
THIS REQUIRED TIME AND EFFORT ON BOTH SIDES. HE WAS
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REFERRING, HE SAID, NOT TO CONSULTATIONS WITHIN NATO,

WHICH HAD FUNCTIONED SATISFACTORILY FOR 24 YEARS, BUT
TO A PROCESS OF CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND EC
WHICH HAD YET TO BE DEVELOPED. RECENT DISCUSSIONS HAD
SHOWN THAT THERE WAS DISSATISFACTION IN SEVERAL QUARTERS
WITH THE EXISTING MECHANISMS; THE FRG WANTED TO MAKE ITS
CONTRIBUTION TO AN IMPROVEMENT OF CONSULTA-
TIONS AND OF THE FLOW OF INFORMATION.
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